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TOPIC 1) Soviet Troop Transports at Bruck on the Leitha River2) Military Activity at Traiskirchen and Vienna XEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 12 August 1955REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. a Soviet troop transport with 18 AA tanks, 26 trucks and 4 personnel carriers was observed at Bruck on the Leitha, on 2 July 1955. During the night from 2 to 3 July 1955, another Soviet troop transport train with 8 automatic guns, 12 trucks and 6 personnel carriers was seen at Bruck on the Leitha. The place of destination of this transport was unknown.¹

2. On 8 July 1955, quartering billets of the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt in Traiskirchen were apparently fully occupied, but no activity could be observed in the quartering area. Trucks and van-like truck carried unarmed soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets from the training ground to the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt. The following motor vehicles were parked under the lean-to roofs of the installation:

 and in addition one tank truck and five armored half-track vehicles. There were probably more vehicles parked in the well-hidden locations. Motor traffic by the following vehicles was observed:

Sedans

 with driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets
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 with driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.²

3. On 9 July 1955, two lieutenant colonels and 7 majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets, one lieutenant colonel and three majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and one major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were observed at the Trost barracks in Vienna X. Most of the officers entered the house in 36 Gussriegelstrasse. Vehicular traffic included:

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Trucks

with driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets

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No activity was observed on the training ground south of the Trost barracks between 0800 and 1430. Six tank trucks were parked there. Garage doors at the water tower in 3 Windtenstrasse were closed. Van-like truck [redacted] was parked in front of the garage.

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Three T 34/85 tanks were parked in the yard of the repair shop in 109-111 Troststrasse. Truck [redacted] and van-like truck [redacted] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed there.

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In addition to 20 other vehicles [redacted] trucks were parked in the garage of No. 83 Pernerstorfergasse [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. The 15th Gds Tk Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div is listed in Bruck on the Leitha. [redacted] It is not likely that transports observed with the reported arms belong to this unit. The shipments mentioned in the present report are probably transfers of Soviet units from Hungary to the troop training ground at Doellersheim. It is not probable that the reported automatic guns belong to the 15th Gds Automatic Gun Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div, in Hainburg, since this regiment never before located in Bruck.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The 45th Gds Mecz Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div, listed in Traiskirchen, apparently remained at the [redacted] military post [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. Trost Kaserne is occupied by the 44th Gds Mecz Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div, which is believed to be stationed at the military post. [redacted]

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